

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ramsey S31318

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State of Kentucky County of Hawkins

On this 13th day of February 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid and made such by the laws of the State of Kentucky aforesaid -- which created it John Ramsey a resident in said County aged seventy-three years who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said John Ramsey enlisted for the term of 6 weeks at a time in the Militia on the ___ day of ___ in the year 1774 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by John Barclay in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Eli Kershaw in the line of the State of South Carolina -- on the militia Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the war when he was discharged -- from the service in 1781 in the State of South Carolina; that he hereby are relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State except South Carolina and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension (viz.) ignorance of the mode and having no friend qualified to direct me. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed; That since the 18th of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property except one horse killed by Wilson Bottom & this mare given in a lieu thereof

Schedule

One mare	\$40
One bed	25
One do	20
Bed curtains about	10
One spinning wheel	2.50
Kitchen articles about	<u>15</u>
	\$112.50

S/ John Ramsey

Sworn to and declared on the 13th day of February 1832 before the County Courts of Hawkins

County Kentucky

State of Kentucky Henderson County Set

On this 27th day of the 8th month 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable, the County Court of Henderson County Kentucky aforesaid now sitting John Ramsey, aged 74 years a resident in Henderson County, State of Kentucky aforesaid, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated -- that he engaged for the term of 6 weeks at a time in the militia on the day (not remembered nor month) in the year 1774 -- in the State of South Carolina Henry Coffee Lieutenant John Barclay Captain Colonel Eli Kershaw. He went as a substitute for James Moore his uncle from his own County -- then Craven afterwards Lancaster -- encamped on Reburn's [sic, Rabun] Creek -- Enemy and at Reedy River -- served out the tour of 3 months, & took the Tories without a fire from there they being under a commander, Cunningham -- General Richardson commanded the whole & Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was our adjutant -- went home & state how long he don't remember -- He then was drafted & went out under James Montgomery marched to Charleston & from thence to purrins' town [sic, Purrysburg?] above Savannah 24 miles heard the battle between the Americans & British at Savannah served for 6 weeks, & came home -- After 2 weeks he was drafted again to Augusta Georgia -- Henry Coffee was then our Captain & Eli Kershaw our Colonel -- was out 6 weeks, Major Ross was then killed by an Indian went home was drafted again under Sumter -- was at the siege of a Fort on Congaree [River] -- was afterwards at the battle at Colonel Thompson's where he was shot through his left thigh, took 16 wagons & 60 British between Charleston & Camden -- Creeks out -- he was in 2 battles on the East side of Catawba. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services --

[confusing numbers and interlineations]

It amounts to 7 months & a fortnight & again 3 months & one week

J Boyle

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Ramsey

[Jacob Newman and Thomas McMullin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put to John Ramsey -- applicant for a pension by the Honorable, the County Court of Henderson, Kentucky

Question No. 1 -- Where, & in what year were you born? In Lancaster South Carolina in 1758

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? Record lost

3. Where were you living, when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

I entered the service in now called Lancaster County -- lived in Tennessee -- sometime in Union & Hopkins & now in Henderson --

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted; did you volunteer; or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom? I was a substitute for my uncle James Moore & served for 6 weeks in 1774 or 5 don't recollect well, after drafted & served up to the year 1781 --

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served;

such Continental, & militia regiments as you can recollect, & the general circumstances of your services. Answer -- General Williamson commanded the regulars near Augusta on the South side of Savannah River Major Ross was killed by the Indians on the Georgia side they took Indians prisoners & [indecipherable interlineations]

6. Did you receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it? Answer we brought a number of English prisoners, near where I lived -- & we were all discharged & allowed to go home

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. Answer -- I am well known to George W. King & John Green -- 2 of the magistrates of our County, Williamson Cruise & many others

State of Kentucky Henderson County: Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for Henderson County Kentucky aforesaid, [John Ramsey] who being duly sworn, deposeth, and saith, that by reason of old age, and that he consequent loss of memory, he could not swear positively to the precise length of all his services, when he made his first declaration to obtain a pension by the law of June 7th 1832, but meeting with his brother, Alexander Ramsey since, who refresh his memory, he is now enabled to declare on oath that he is services for 7 months, and 2 weeks (as by said first declaration) was truly there stated -- that besides he served one other tour of 4 weeks under General Sumter at the Hanging Rock battle that he served one other tour of 5 weeks under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] in North Carolina at the time, when Ferguson was defeated on King's Mountain; that he served one other tour of 4 weeks under Colonel Davy [sic, William Richardson Davie] on the Waxhaw Creek; that for these several services of 3 months at one time -- & 31 weeks at different times -- in all 10 months, and 3 weeks -- he claims a pension -- that General Jackson himself may well remember his father Robert Ramsey, & him on Waxhaw Creek -- Camden South Carolina while President Jackson was living at Major Robert Crawford's that he well remembers traveling with General Jackson, and Major Crawford -- after the peace, as far as Camden -- on their way to Charleston -- when his brother, Alex Ramsey & he lay at Gum Swamp -- and General J. & Major Crawford at Major Nettles' --; that said Deponent knows of no clergyman -- who could testify to the general belief of his services but produced the testimony of Jacob Newman, formerly a Sheriff of Henderson County Kentucky & Thomas McMullin Esquire, whose son is a Captain & Justice of the peace of the same --

Sworn, and subscribed before made this 2 day of April 1833 -- given under my hand the day, & year above

S/ John T. Anderson, JP